NOTE : (i) The unallocated amount (Rs. 10204 crores) includes offshore and other investment of Rs. 5500 crores in the Petroleum Sector.

(ii) The total Central Plan expenditure during the Sixth Plan was Rs. 57800 crores. The break-up available in the statement is (including the unallocated portion) for Rs. 57664 crores.

(iii) The data had to be compiled in a short time from a number of sources. A more precise and detailed Planwise compilation has been taken up in consultation with the Minitries; that will take considerable time.

(iv) As Central Plan investment is not planned or accounted statewise, some assumptions have been made in attempting such a break-up. While they seem to be best possible assumption to base such an exercise as, their validity is certainly of a limited nature. Some examples are given below :

(a) Railway investments on new lines, gauge conversions and electrification have been broken up Statewise based on approximate length completed in each State.

(b) The remaining 80% of Railway Plan has been allocated to different States on the basis of route Kilometres falling in each State.

(c) Expenditure on purchase of aircraft (Civil Aviation Plan) has been been allocated on the basis of the number of landings in each State.

(d) Expenditure of Air India on acquisition of aircraft has been allocated to four international airports on the basis of traffic handled by these Airports.

(e) Regarding Shipping, the Statewise allocations have been done on the basis of traffic earned by the major ports in each of the maritime States.

(v) As Central investment in projects is mostly in areas where the necessary economic factors are in optimum availability, the objective of regional balance can have only limited relevance in such cases.

(vi) Housing & Urban Development includes provision for six schemes only. For HUDCO the total plan outlay was Rs. 50 crores. The actual releases amount to Rs. 675.87 crores. This is due to market borrowings of the HUDCO. Besides information on Stationery & Printing is still awaited.

Laboratory tests of imported food stuffs

1330. SHRI SURESH KALMADI : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have conducted laboratory tests of the imported milk foods and other food stuffs in view of the widespread concern about possible radioactive contamination of milk and other products throughout the world; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by Government to ensure safety from the contaminated food product imports ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Representative samples drawn from imported consignments of butter are analysed (to check the level of radioactivity) in the laboratories of Bhabha Atomic Research Centre at Bombay, Kalpakkam and Calcutta depending on the port of arrival in India. Importers of butter have also been advised to obtain certificates regading the level of radioactivity (particularly CS 137, 134) from the foreign suppliers. The permissible levels of CS 137 prescribed by Atomic Energy Regulatory Board in India is only 40 Bq/Kg as against 1250 Bq/Kg fixed by the European Community. Out of 1345 samples analysed so far, only one sample showed level of CS 137 of 106 Bq/Kg. This consignment was not therefore cleared for public consumption.

Drought situation in the country

1331. SHRI SURESH KALMADI : Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have made Mid-term appraisal of the Seventh Plan with particular reference to the serious